

Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
decision to force  
their stations to  
air an anti-Kerry  
documentary days  
before the election  
is a clear example  
of the dangers of  
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the  
public airwaves free  
of charge, and is  
obligated by law to  
serve the public  
interest. This  
involves a  
bipartisan coverage  
of the candidates;  
therefore, Sinclair  
either needs to (a)  
present  
"documentaries"  
(using the term  
loosely) from  
different political  
parties, or (b)  
withdraw the  
decision to present  
"Stolen Honor."  
Without more  
complete coverage,  
airing one clearly  
partisan program is  
an outrage and an  
insult to the  
democratic process.

Sinclair's actions  
show why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
more than a returned  
postcard.

This action brings  
many interested eyes  
to the decisions of  
the FCC as well as  
Sinclair.

Thank you.